

REPORT OF THE PARKS AND RECREATION DIRECTOR-2008

Alton Parks and Recreation~ Creating Community Through People, Parks and Programs.

The Alton Parks and Recreation-Grounds and Maintenance Department is located on Route 11 across from Levey Park. The Department is open 7:00am-3:30pm, Monday-Friday, year round. The Department is responsible for organizing, planning and promoting recreational activities and events for residents of the Alton community and is also responsible for the maintenance of Town buildings, parks and recreational areas.

This year improvements were made to the Alton Bay swim areas with the construction of a new swim dock, new Lifeguard chairs and milfoil removal by the State of New Hampshire and a local contractor. A wonderful picnic pavilion was constructed at the Town Beach by the Alton Centennial Rotary Club; the covered picnic area provides additional shade at the waterfront park. The Alton Beach Committee continued their improvements at the Town Beach with the addition of park benches and colorful plantings. The department received their F350 one-ton pickup truck through the Capital Improvement Program which will help with turf maintenance, snow removal and general facility maintenance.

Working together with the Alton Business Association the Alton Bay Winter Festival was a tremendous success. Activities included: the Great Alton Bay Bed Race, Ice Bowling, D.J. Music, Family Scavenger Hunt, Snow Shoe Obstacle Course, Puppet Show, Horse Drawn Sleigh Rides, Tug-of-War; Fishing Derby; Hat Parade and more. The Alton Business Association also sponsored community events during Alton Old Home Days and decorated the Town Christmas Tree in Ginny Douglas Park.

Recreational programs were popular and well attended this year. Kristin Thomas led a fantastic Summer Program for kids ages 3-11 at the Alton Bay Community Center that featured many creative, fun and exciting activities. Other recreational programs offered this year included: Full Moon Snow Shoe Hikes; Cross Country Skiing; Geocaching; Outdoor Bingo; Yoga for Kids; Adult Yoga Classes; Youth and Adult Tennis Lessons; Reiki Clinics; Youth Basketball Program; Youth Soccer League; Little Pesaukees Play Group; Summer Concert Series; 5K Road Race; Old Home Days; Craft Fair; Play Soccer Camp; Shooter's Gold Basketball Camp; Biking Club; Volleyball Tournaments; Egg Hunt; Adult Co-Ed Softball; Country Line Dancing Lessons; Senior Bingo; Walking Club; Halloween Happenings; Light Up Night, and Watercolor Painting Classes.

A special thank you to the Alton Business Association, Garden Club, Youth Soccer and Youth Basketball Coaches for their positive contributions to our town and also to the Parks and Recreation Commission members: William Lionetta, Gerry Theodora, Cydney Johnson and Peter Bolster, who donate their time, energy and ideas to the community in order for us to provide valuable services, programs and facilities. Together we are creating community through people, parks and programs.

*Health is the greatest gift. Nature is the greatest view. Community is the greatest friend.
Playing is the greatest joy.*

Respectfully submitted, Kellie Troendle~Certified Parks and Recreation Professional